

VILLAGE OF STRATFORD

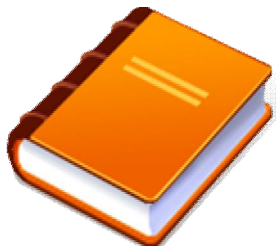
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NEWSLETTER

Ordinance Revisions Underway

The Village of Stratford's Code of Ordinances — a compilation of municipal laws and regulations developed over many years — was formally coded in 1988, with various revisions and additions since.

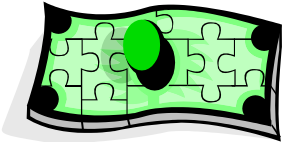
The Village Board has contracted with General Code to provide an extensive review and edit of the ordinances, a process that will take about two years. General Code took our "big book", compiled it into a workbook format and provided a comprehensive analysis identifying duplications, inconsistencies, and conflicts in the code. The editors also made suggestions to modernize local legislation in accordance with current state laws.



The next step involves each Board committee taking pertinent sections of the code to scrutinize and to make decisions in response to General Code's editorial analysis. This has been an exhaustive task, requiring many additional committee meetings.

A main goal in this process is to have the local ordinances accessible to residents and staff in an online, searchable format. The complete new Code of Ordinances will be available for public review prior to the Board formally adopting the revisions for publication later this year.

2010 Budget Notes



- South Street and Brandt Drive improvements will be completed this year, with curb and gutter and asphalt pavement installed. The entire project is estimated to cost \$121,000.00 with 85% of the curb and gutter expense assessed to the affected property owners. Lampert Lee Associates is the engineering firm on the South Street and Brandt Drive project. The bid opening is set for March 25th.
- Heritage Trail construction is also currently in the bidding stage. Volunteer labor and material donations are included in the scope of this project, and are considered as qualifying expenses toward the DNR matching-funds grants.
- The Public Works Department received its new John Deere tractor and front-mounted snow blower just in time for the Christmas Day snowfall. The \$124,449.00 purchase price was reduced by the trade-in value of the twenty-year-old unit.
- The Police Department budget increased slightly for 2010, allowing for an additional full-time officer's wages and benefits. The position will result in a reduction in part-time staff hours. The interview and hiring process is being coordinated by the Village Board's Personnel Committee.



The Stratford Post Office no longer processes mail locally. Please be sure to use PO Box 12 when addressing your utility payments to Stratford Water & Electric.

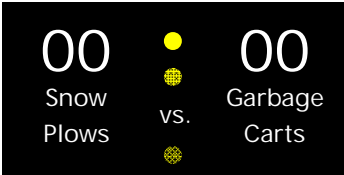
Dog License Reminder

State law requires that all dogs are licensed. Village of Stratford residents should obtain Dog Licenses at the Municipal Building during regular business hours on or before March 31st each year. Proof of rabies vaccination must be provided in order to purchase the dog license. Fees are as follows:

Adult male or female \$10.00 Neutered or spayed \$ 5.00
(Puppy licenses are also available.)



A \$10.00 penalty is applied after March 31st. Call Roseann Johnson, 715-687-4166, if you have questions about licensing your pet. Please note that the Village has a "Vicious Dogs" ordinance prohibiting pit bulls and pit bull varieties in the village limits.



Our Own Winter Games

It must be Murphy's Law! You can almost count on it...the big snow falls happen on garbage collection days. When the snow piles are taking over your curb and terrace area — and more snow is falling — some residents are unsure about where to place the garbage cart and recycling crates.

It is best to place your garbage cart *out of the traffic lane*, especially when snow is predicted, to allow the snow plows to properly clear the roadway. If you've ever watched the Veolia garbage truck, you might notice that the "lift arm" can reach out several feet. In most cases, the garbage truck arm can reach over the snow pile, into the sidewalk or terrace area to empty the garbage cart. Careful placement of the garbage cart on collection days can minimize interference with the snow plows.

Similarly, the recycling crates should be placed in the driveway area for collection during the snow season. The recycling truck driver gets out at every stop to manually load the crates onto the truck for dumping. It is better to have the crates a little further from the street, and out of the plow's path, than to prop them atop a snow bank.

It is also helpful to remove the garbage cart and recycling crates from the curb area as soon as possible after they are emptied each week.

Dear Santa,

We hate to bother you when we know you must be relaxing after the hectic holiday season, but we want to get our request in early.



You see, Santa, for the past three years, it has snowed on Christmas Day. We are shaken awake while its still dark outside, jumping into our plow trucks,...and everyone else is waking up to enjoy the presents under the tree.

Our Christmas Wish for 2010 is to NOT have to plow snow on Christmas morning. Please, Santa!

Thank you and have a great summer!

Signed,
Jerry, Jeff, Dave, & Scott

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Students Get a Lesson in Waste Water Treatment

Stratford's Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator, Dave Pospyhalla, recently shared his knowledge with several groups of seventh grade science students. Ryan Bluhm's classes toured the local waste water facility, learning the role of bacteria in treating waste water — from the time it leaves our homes and processes through the plant, to the point the water is released back into the environment. The students found the tour to be very interesting, and were told that they could not "float" in the waste water pools if they wanted to! Dave also visited Bluhm's classroom to summarize the lesson.

The Village's Waste Water Treatment Plant, originally built in 1956, was re-designed in 1988 to its current capacity. Waste water treatment is a natural, no chemicals process. About 120,000 gallons are treated each day at our facility. The plant undergoes an extensive review every five years to renew the Village's discharge permit with the Dept. of Natural Resources.

Dave Pospyhalla has been with the Village since 1999. He is the Operator-In-Charge, while Jerry Frodl, Jeff Aschebrock, and Scott Dennee are also certified by the DNR as Grade 2 Operators.

Mark Your Calendars



- April 6 ... Spring Election Day**
If you are eligible to vote and are not registered, you may do so by stopping at the Municipal Building during office hours. You will need a valid WI Driver License to register.
- April 30—May 1 ... Rummaging Around Stratford**
Contact Deidre Krueger, 715-687-9213, by April 9th to register your sale and to get on the sale map.
- May 1 ... Compost Site opens for the season**
9:00 a.m. to Noon (Please refer to your 2010 Garbage and Recycling Schedule for Compost Site details.)
- May 14 ... Spring Clean Up Day**
Veolia Environmental will collect excess garbage, discarded household items, furniture, appliances, etc., during our weekly curbside collection. NO waste oil, tires, or construction materials.
- June 10—13 ... Heritage Days**